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In re Patent Application of:
Tobin et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3629

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For: Methods And Apparatus For
Recognizing Compact Discs And
Issuing Corresponding Credits

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2005, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-24, drawn to method, apparatus and system for providing credit to a user in an electronic content distribution system, classified in class 705, subclass 1.

II. Claims 25-48, drawn to method, apparatus and system for receiving credit in an electronic content distribution system, classified in class 705, subclass 1..

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-24. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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